

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON COTTAGE  
CAMPBELL COUNTY VIRGINIA  
NEAR LYNCHBURG

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ADDENDUM  
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*Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings*

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
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CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON COTTAGE  
Near Lynchburg, Campbell County  
Virginia

Owner: W.E.Graves.

Date of Erection: 1764-5 (?).

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One and a half, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Wood; stone basement.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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#### HISTORICAL DATA

This property was originally owned by Christopher Johnson, born in Louisa County, Virginia, November 22, 1731. Christopher Johnson moved to Albemarle County, afterwards selling his property there, moving to the property covered by this survey which he purchased from D. Merriweather (Deed Book B, page 474, Bedford County Records). The date of deed covering this purchase is September 25, 1764. This purchase together with other lands purchased later and grants obtained totalled over one thousand acres. While not authenticated by record, family tradition holds that the cottage was built by Christopher Johnson in the years 1764-1765.

In 1781 Bedford County was divided and Campbell County formed in which county the property lies.

The parcel of land on which the cottage was built was inherited by Samuel Johnson, the youngest son of Christopher Johnson, as recorded in Deed Book 7, Campbell County Records.

This property was sold in 1811 by Samuel Johnson to James Martin, Deed Book 9, page 170, Campbell County Records.

The property was later acquired by Odin G. Clay whose son, Charles H. Clay disposed of same to H. E. Graves, from whom the present owner, Mr. W. E. Graves

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acquired it. (See Deed dated December 22, 1893,  
Deed Book 59, page 60, Campbell County Records.)

Data secured from Bedford and Campbell County  
Records, S. S. Johnson and C. L. Demott of Lynchburg,  
Virginia, and Walter R. Crowe.

*Philip T. Stone*

*Reviewed 1936, H.C.F.*

Addendum to  
Christopher Johnson Cottage  
W side of Tomahawk Creek  
N side of State Rte. 126  
Lynchburg vicinity  
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